



Pacifica Synod Assembly Worship  
May 1 & 2, 2021

**PRELUDE**

Chris Barron

**WELCOME**

Bishop Andy Taylor

**CONFESSION**

The Rev. Kim Eifert Krogstad

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the source of steadfast love. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Drawing close in the grace Christ Jesus,

**we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought word and deed, by what we have done and what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

God hears our cries for mercy, God's word never fails.

The promise rests on grace:

by the saving love of Jesus Christ, the wisdom and power of God,  
your sins are † forgiven, and God remembers them no more.

**Amen.**

**HYMN**

River of Hope, Palm Springs

**CHRIST IS ALIVE! LET CHRISTIANS SING**

ELW 389 (vs 1, 3, 4)

**Christ is alive! Let Christians Sing  
The cross stands empty to the sky.  
Let streets and homes with praises ring.  
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.**

**Women and men, in age and youth,  
Can feel the Spirit, hear the call,  
And find the way, the life, the truth,  
Revealed in Jesus, freed for all.**

**Christ is alive, and comes to bring  
Good news to this and ev'ry age,  
Till earth and sky and ocean ring  
With joy, with justice, love, and praise.**

**GREETING**

Deacon Kevin Sumner-Eisenbraun

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

KYRIE

First Lutheran Church, San Diego  
ELW pg. 213

Kyrie eleison: **Lord, have mercy.**  
Christe eleison: **Christ, have mercy.**  
Kyrie eleison: **Lord, have mercy.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

ELW pg. 214

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;  
Glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth.**  
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.  
**Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;  
Glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth.**  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:  
Have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
Receive our prayer.  
**Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;  
Glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth.**  
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
In the glory of God the Father. Amen.  
**Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;  
Glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth,  
and peace to God's people on earth,**

Prayer of the Day

Deacon Kevin Sumner-Eisenbraun

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Let us pray ....

O God, you give us Jesus, as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in Christ's resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## Readings

1 John 4:7-12

Freya Hendrickson

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

## Gospel Acclamation

First Lutheran Church, San Diego

ELW pg. 216

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**  
**Alleluia. You have the words of eternal life.**  
**Alleluia, alleluia.**

John 20: 19-23

Lori Herman

The holy gospel according to John.

### **Glory to you, O Lord.**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

The gospel of the Lord.

### **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

LESSON FOR SERMON, READ BY THE REV. JENNIFER SCHULTZ

ACTS 16: 10-15, 40

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us. After leaving the prison they went to Lydia's home; and when they had seen and encouraged the brothers and sisters<sup>[g]</sup> there, they departed.

**SERMON**

The Rev. Jennifer Schultz and the Rev. Laura Ziehl

**HYMN**

Lutheran Church of the Incarnation, Poway  
I Love to Tell the Story ELW 661

**I love to tell the story of unseen things above,  
Of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.  
I love to tell the story, because I know it's true;  
It satisfies my longing as nothing else would do.**

**I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory  
To tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.**

**I love to tell the story; how pleasant to repeat  
What seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet!  
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard  
The message of salvation from God's own holy word.**

**I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory  
To tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.**

**I love to tell the story, for those who know it best  
Seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.  
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,  
I'll sing the old, old story that I have loved so long.**

**I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory  
To tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.**

## **AFFIRMING ORDINATION OF OUR DEACONS**

Bishop Taylor: Today we recognize Taflin Fischer and all the ministers of word and service in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Having been called to the ministry of word and service, having been consecrated or commissioned to this ministry, we affirm that they are included on the roster of those ordained as ministers of word and service.

All baptized Christians are called to share in Christ's ministry of love and service in the world, to the glory of God and for the sake of the human family and the whole creation. You have been called as ministers of word and service to give leadership in the church's mission to proclaim the gospel through word and deed. You have been entrusted with the ministry of word and service in the one holy catholic church by the laying on of hands and by prayer.

A reading from Luke: Jesus said, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." (Luke 4:18-19)

Before almighty God, to whom you must give account, and in the presence of this assembly, I ask: Will you continue to accept this ministry, believing that you are called by God to serve faithfully as ministers of word and service?

Deacons' Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America confesses that the holy scriptures are the word of God and are the norm of its faith and life. We accept, teach, and confess the Apostles', the Nicene, and the Athanasian Creeds. We also acknowledge the Lutheran confessions as true witnesses and faithful expositions of the holy scriptures. Will you therefore continue to serve in accordance with the holy scriptures and these creeds and confessions?

Deacons' Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

Will you continue to be diligent in your study of the holy scriptures and faithful in your use of the means of grace? Will you pray for God's people, encourage and support them as they worship and grow in faith, and lead them by your own example in faithful service and holy living?

Deacons' Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

Will you give faithful witness in the world through word and deed, that God's love may be known in all that you do?

Deacons' Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

Almighty God, who has given you the will to do these things, graciously give you the strength and compassion to perform them.

**All: Amen.**

Will you, assembled as the people of God, continue to receive our deacons as ministers of word and service, sent by God to serve all people in Christ's name?

**All: We will, and we ask God to help us.**

Will you pray for them, help and honor them for their work's sake, and in all things strive to live together in the peace and unity of Christ?

**All: We will, and we ask God to help us.**

Taflin and our deacons, continue to care for God's people, bear their burdens, and do not betray their confidence. Serve the needy, care for the sick, comfort the distressed, and, through words and actions, witness faithfully to God's love for all people.

Cross every barrier that stands between the church and its ministry in the world. Seek out those places where the gospel of Jesus Christ meets the world's need. Empower, equip, and support all the baptized in the ministry of Jesus Christ. Lead us all in proclaiming the gospel in word and song, in witness and service. And be of good courage, for God has called you, and your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make you complete in everything good so that you may do God's will, working in you that which is pleasing in God's sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Let it be acclaimed that Deacon Taflin and all our deacons are ministers of word and service in the church of Christ, together with all who are set apart and ordained to this ministry: deacons who are called to serve among God's people as together we bear God's creative and redeeming love to all the world.

**All: Amen. Thanks be to God.**

## PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Hymn

The Rev. Carole and Tom Parmeter Dyer

### **"When I Pray"**

**When I pray, I feel my heart go deeper, my heart go deeper in my God.**

**When I pray, I feel my heart go deeper, my heart go deeper in my God.**

**Right here, right now, right where I am, I pray.**

**Right here, right now, right where I am, I pray.**

**When I pray, I feel my heart go deeper, my heart go deeper in my God.**

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Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

### *A brief silence.*

God, our vine dresser, you have called us your own, grafting us to yourself through Christ. Gather us throughout the whole world, drawing us ever closer in your Spirit, opening our hearts to your mission, so that we may love as you have loved us.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God, our creator, you have created the heavens and the earth. As we wonder at the beauty of creation, inspire us to connect and care for the earth you have entrusted to us.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God, lover of our hearts and minds, you desire for all to rule with justice and love. Give the leaders of the earth assurance of your abiding presence, that they lead not by fear but with love for those they are called to serve.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God, lover of the whole world, your love is steadfast. Help us to see our neighbors through your eyes. Empower us to be your hands of love, so that all in need of your healing touch, the poor and rich, the lowly and haughty, the outcast and admired, the weak and strong, the fearful and fearless. Use us to meet the needs of all.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God our comforter, you hold us close when we grieve and despair. Hear these names of your good and faithful servants who have entered life eternal these past two years. We commend them to your spirit: the Rev. Charles Endter, the Rev. Harvey Anderson, the Rev. Carol Reed, the Rev. Robert Wayne, the Rev. Paul Oas, the Rev. Ronald Hovick, the Rev. Phillip Berry, the Rev. Noel Estegren, the Rev. R. Joseph Ramnarine, the Rev. Lowell Larson, the Rev. Duane Berg, the Rev. Jack Lindquist, the Rev. Albert Stott, the Rev. Laura Line, the Rev. Skip H.G. Mc Comas, the Rev. George S. Johnson, the Rev. David Lindberg, the Rev. Lawrence Roller

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**



**THE OFFERING "THE QUEEN'S PRAYER"**

Lutheran Church of Honolulu, Honolulu

‘O kou aloha nō      Your loving mercy  
Aia i ka lani        Is as high as Heaven  
A ‘o Kou ‘oia ‘i‘o    And your truth  
He hemolele ho‘i    So perfect

Ko‘u noho mihi ‘ana    I live in sorrow  
A pa‘ahao ‘ia        Imprisoned  
‘O ‘oe ku‘u lama      You are my light  
Kou nani ko‘u ko‘o    Your glory, my support

No laila e ka Haku    And so, o Lord  
Ma lalo o kou ‘ēheu    Protect us beneath your wings  
Kō mākou maluhia    And let peace be our portion  
A mau loa aku nō     Now and forever more

**The Lord's Prayer**

Deacon Kevin Sumner-Eisenbraun

We pray as Jesus taught us, in the language of our hearts:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever and ever, Amen.**

**BENEDICTION**

Bishop Andy Taylor

The blessing of the living God, Creator, ✝ Redeemer, and Comforter, surround and sustain you, keep you from harm, and fill you with courage.

**Amen.**

**“MY REDEEMER LIVES”**

I know he's rescued my soul, His blood has covered my sin  
 I believe, I believe  
 My shame He's taken away, My pain is healed in his name  
 I believe, I believe  
 I'll raise a banner, 'Cause my Lord has conquered the grave  
 My Redeemer Lives, My Redeemer Lives  
 My Redeemer Lives, My Redeemer Lives

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 My Redeemer Lives, My Redeemer Lives  
 My Redeemer Lives, My Redeemer Lives

You lift my burdens, I'll rise with you  
 I'm dancing on this mountain top, To see your kingdom come

My Redeemer Lives, My Redeemer Lives  
 My Redeemer Lives, My Redeemer Lives

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